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The current penalties for Microsoft will not bring them to justice. There are more than enough vagaries and loopholes to allow them to continue stifling competition and growing their monopoly. The only way to successfully prevent the company from continuing in its stifling monopoly of the market is to break up the company.

However, "horizontal" breakup into an OS company and an applications company will not help. It should be broken up into two or three companies "vertically", i.e. companies that have both OS and applications elements. These companies can later choose whether it is better business to focus on one of those areas, but more competition is needed both in the OS market and the applications market, in addition to the growing-together of OSeS and applications which a horizontal breakup would address.

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